

ACADEMY FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

Be a Financial Mentor Volunteer!

The Academy for Financial Empowerment program is a comprehensive financial education collaborative including the Fredericksburg Department of Social Services, Rappahannock United Way, Thrive, and many community volunteers. The goal of the Academy for Financial Empowerment program is to provide graduates with the Assets, Savings, Support, Education, Training, and Solutions that will enable them to support and sustain their families thereby promoting healthier futures within our community.

By offering a combined approach of classroom financial education and mentoring, we hope to help low and moderate income families improve money management skills, avoid predatory lending, and improve credit scores.

As a Financial Mentoring Volunteer for the program, you will participate in training. Upon completion of the training, you will work with traditionally underserved populations with small/no savings and few/no assets. Materials will be provided to help you facilitate individual mentoring sessions. For at least a 12 week period, we ask that you serve as a financial mentor to one student of the Academy for Financial Empowerment program, meeting with your student for a minimum of 12 hours, average of 1 hour per week, during the 12-week period.

Becoming a Financial Mentoring Volunteer is a unique opportunity to touch the lives of individuals in our community. The Academy for Financial Empowerment is designed to empower low-income individuals through a better understanding of financial matters and behaviors.

If you are willing to share your time and skills to improve your community, contact: Hayley Badillo, Accountant, City of Fredericksburg Department of Social Services, Hayley.badillo@dss.virginia.gov, or 608 Jackson Street, Suite 100, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.